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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for April 22

SUBJECT.

Annual grant for the maintenance of the Sri Chamundeswaraswamy temple at Belur

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File

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Rev)

NOTES.

File No. 201-20.

FILE HEADING.

Annual grant for the maintenance of the Sri Chennakesavaswami ~~of~~ Temple at Belur.

From

The Dy: Comr, Hassan Dt.

No. Roc 116-20 Dated 30-8-20 Received ~~-~~

Diary No. 531	Enclos. /	Spare Copies.	Serial No. /

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that the estimate for Rs 58 30-0-0 for certain repairs to the temple, stated by the Dy: Engr to have been urgent, does not provide for the necessary repairs; and requests, therefore, that an annual grant for the maintenance of the temple may be made for it, lest it should deteriorate

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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It also comes under the list of objects of antiquarian interest in the State (vide list in the Mysore Gr.)

2 [illegible] monuments [illegible]

3 [illegible]

4 [illegible]

5. At the close of [illegible] the order it is stated that the cost of conservation [illegible] Muzrai Institutions [illegible] be met from the [illegible] institutions or from the Provincial [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] spare a sufficient amount from the income of the temple [illegible] with annual maintenance [illegible]

6. [illegible]

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[illegible]

7 Reference is also requested to the correspondence in File No. 290 of 1892-3, Board. It may not be possible to meet the annual repairs of this Temple out of the limited State grant of Rs 10000 provided in Muzrai Budget.

8 A Spl grant for the purpose may be considered. As the maintenance works came to be attended by that Dept.

Addl 5/11/20

Dy).

9. Please state how much of the Current Year's Grant has already been allotted?

Dy 6/11/20

10 Rs 1575 was sanctioned by Govt. [illegible] for the repairs to the [illegible]

1000 R. Sanctioned for Mallikarjuna Swamy temple at Basavanagudi

2515 already drawn

[illegible] 8/11/20 Addl 8-11-20

Dy)

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12 Please take also what alterations have been recommended & under Consideration

Statement

Statement

Dy. C.S. for kindly noting the information wanted.

13/11

13-11-20

13 Dy. C.S. is not in a position to give the information -

16.11.20

16/11/20

14. Please put a fresh note showing

A — Amounts sanctioned till now out of the Current Year's Grant

B — Amounts involved in the proposals under Consideration.

17/11/20

17-11-20

A — Amounts sanctioned till now out of the Current year's Grant.

(1) Rs 1000 for the reconstruction of the Bhadrakali temple at the Secretariat

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Nagar Taluk and a house for the archak.

2) Rs 575/- for the repairs of the Sri Venkata ramanaswami at Alamgiri in the Chinta mani Taluk.

3) Rs 1000/- for the repairs of the Sri Malleshwara swami Temple at Basavanagudi, Bangalore. Rs 2515

4) Rs 8023 has been sanctioned ~~to~~ out of the State Grant for the improvement of the Jumma Masjid at Lapore, but it is not yet known how much of it should be met out of the current year's State Grant the file is under submission.

B- Amounts involved in the proposals under consideration.

1) Rs 2545 :- for removal of sand - to remain Catchment round the Virtual Varagena Swami Temple at Vellore (Muz 128-19).

2) Rs 200 - for putting up a compound wall to the Masjid of Hussain Alli at Vellore. (Muz 750-19).

3) Rs 1,300 for the second retaining wall in front of the Harihareswara swamy temple at [illegible] Tumkur. (Muz 187-20).

4) Rs 1000/- for the repairs of [illegible]

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Serial No.

Balasomeswaraswamie Temple at Poreyanur.
(The 2nd Member has suggested only Rs 250).

~~5-7~~
Rs 5,045

17 subd for orders.
SD,
19-11-20

BG 19.11.20.

AMT 19-11-20

Agreed)

A Special Grant appears necessary
Second Member) VJ 22/11/20

2888-128.
22.11.20.

19 I inspected this temple in June last & I have referred to it in my tour notes of the month. A large sum of money, much over half a lac - will be required to undertake the works necessary to be done & it will not be possible to find any portion of this from the normal grants of the Mucrosin Dept. Nor is it likely that the P.W.D. will be able to find any. Unless & until a Special grant is made, no work can therefore be done. It is needless to add that the longer the delay in putting the funds, the greater will be the damage, & the higher

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the cost. That it is necessary to do all that can be done to save this famous structure from decay is a point conceded by all & to it serves no useful purpose to ~~decide~~ divide upon that point. It is purely a question of funds. I may be permitted to add that if early action is not taken in the matter the damage will be continued and the approach be shall have to a very heavy. As a preliminary step I do suggest the Archl. ~~Department~~ Department here ~~directed~~ directed to work out as complete a Scheme as possible in consultation with P. W. D. & to submit an estimate as early as possible, steps being taken meanwhile to prevent further deterioration. Then after ascertaining the ways & means, the programme of work may be decided

Bell
23-11-20

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(D. O. C. No. 178).

by the Council & in consultation with the Chief Engineer. Mr. Menezes who has visited the place recently & who will also be able to tell us what can be done should be asked to submit a report in this connection.

Lees
23-11-20

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21.	Legal Member	WJ 29/11/20
	3063-302 / 30.11.20. Secy	
	Secy / 1.12.20	
22.	Council Section	WJ 1/12/20

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THE NEXT
posal at Meeting)

No. C. 363

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.
(Clause xii of the schedule)

23. Annual grant for the ~~maintenance~~ special repairs of the Sri Chennakesava Swami Temple at Belur.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C S Balasundaram
Chief Secretary to Government.

4th December ...19..20.

Extraordinary Member of Council. 14 12 20

107 6/12 **First Member of Council.** 7 12

Second Member of Council. Seen.

5436 4.12.20 **Third Member of Council.** 5/12

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"E" - 19

24. Annual grant for the special repairs of the Sri Chennakesavaswami Temple at Belur. (Muz. 201-20).

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OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

Note

25. A report may be called for from the Archl Dept in consultn with PWD as to amount of work necessary - Report to be furnished within a month -

CKS
23/12/20

26. To PD Muzrai Secy with compliments.

CKS
27/12
26/31/12/20

27. Draft as desd 26/31/12/20

28. Draft letter to the Director of Archl Researches as desd, together with a memo to the Chief Secy -

22
2/1/21

3.1.21

29. 4/1/21

Allen for

G. R. S. III-2]

4 Ct.

General and Revenue Secretariat. | Imperial File No. 201 of 1920.

Serial No.	
2	To The Director of Arch. Researches in Mysore No. 2269 dt. 4. 1. 1921. Requests to send up, within one month, a Complete Scheme, worked out in Consultation with the P.W.D., together with an estimate for the preservation of the temple at Belur & that in the meantime steps may be taken to prevent further deterioration of the structure No. 2270 - Copy to Ch. Engineer
3	From the Director of Archaeological Researches, letter no. 125/256 dt 10-1-21 - (Recd 14/1/21) Suggests that a proposal may be made to the Ch: Engr., if it has not already been made, as the estimates have to be prepared in that Deptt in accordance with the points that may be decided at the time of the joint inspection of the monument. 30.

SK 17/1/21

31 May a copy of letter no. 125/256 dt 10-1-21 from the Dr. of Arch. Researches be sent to Ch: Engr. in cont. of our previous Corr. and the Estimate called for at a very Early date?

SK 1/2/21 32 Ch Engr 2/2/21

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ST 2/2/21

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Mysore File No. 207 of 1920

Serial No.	
3	Draft subd. 8D 5/2/21 Sd 8/2/21
4	To, Chief Engineer in Mysore— No. 2888 dt 21 2 21 A Copy of the letter Rec'd from the Director of Arch. Researches in Mysore & requesting that the estimate already called for may be submitted early
5	From the Director of Archaeological Researches., letter no. 163/34-D dt 5-3-21. Submits, with refce to Sl no. 2, a complete scheme for the preservation of the Sri Chennakesavaswami Temple at Belur, prepared after a joint inspection held on 03-2-21, in company with the Executive Engr, Hassan Division; & states that a copy of the Notes has been forwarded to the Executive Engr for the preparation of the estimate, which, on receipt will be subd to Govt for orders. Subd Ks 1 to 4. Pl est wanted with in 1 month wrote.
	8D 11/3/21

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Serial No.

36. The scheme submitted by the architectural Engineer attached to the Archæological Dept. as well as the sketches & sketches he has furnished is exhaustive and interesting.

37. The detailed estimate based on this scheme and further details about annual maintenance &c. may perhaps be annexed from the P. W. D.

BL
10/3/21

ALL 10/3/21

Wdly)

38 The estimate may be awaited.

37. The architect recommends the immediate appointment of a watchman to prevent further damage to the temple. This should be acted upon

Wdly 11/3/21

ALL 11.3

Subd

40 It will be seen under I Estabt in the revised scale of expenditure of the Sri Chenna Kesavaswami Temple at Belur sanctd in G.O. No. 2144-46/Mis 508-18-2-89-4-19, that items nos 27 & 28 provide for 2

29/-

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gardeners, ~~12~~ +2 kavals In the remarks column it is noted that ~~it~~ the gardeners besides doing the kaval duty should supply flowers & Tulasi required & help in keeping the premises clean - Besides, items nos 34 & 35 provide for 2 kavalgars & peons on Rs 6/- each - So, in all, the Scale provides for 4 menials. Before ~~sanction~~ sanctioning the appointment of a new watchman, as suggested by the Architect, it may, perhaps, be necessary to ascertain whether ~~the~~ one of the existing menials cannot be told off to do the watchman's duty solely, as the temple savings may not probably afford to meet the cost of a new watchman -

Submitted for orders.

SD 15/3/21 BG 15/3/21 AMT 15.3.21

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Secretary) VJ 16/3/21

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16.3.21 The Estimate may be awaited Enquiry may be made how menial staff is now fixed

Rec'd 21.3.21

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21 attached to note

BG 21/3/21 AMT 22/3

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	Draft letter to D. C. is subd as revised by the H. S.
	29-3-21 Rq. 3.4 43. Revised draft put up 6/4/21
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	at Indus, ... grant of Rs 3000/- ... the purpose, ... by ... 45. An estimate for the repairs of the bunds is expected from the P.W.D. is directed in para 41 above - Subd for orders. 8/7. 17.7. 20/4/21 46. Last reports 21/4/21
21/4	
8	From the Director of Archaeological Researches., letter no. 193/41 dt 3-5-21. States that the accompanying scheme for the restoration of the Sirsukh ... was received from ... Sir, there were required by the ... Hassan Ld for the ... the ... there is ... clear & itself he has been requested to furnish two estimates, a ... urgent items which ... sanction of the ... to urgent. 47. Subd for perusal. 8/5/21 9.5.21 9/5/21 21/5/21

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12.5.21.

48. Secn. The Estimates may be awaited. It is however very doubtful if funds can be found in the Budget of 1921-22 for even the urgent works. Vide Remarks (in pencil) on Sheet 243 of book of Plans.

Asst Engr
13.5.21

ST
13/5

49. Put up this 13/5/21

Mr. Venkoba Rao was sent for this note Dtd 18/5/21

~~Do draft to Mr. B. Venkobarao put up.~~

50. The note put up by Mr. Venkoba Rao explaining the remarks of the member is subd.

SD
19/5/21

SD 19-5-21

51. Where is the drawn about elevation?

VJ 19/5/21

51a. The elevation is at the Bagala.

Asst Engr

VJ 20/5/21

6159-156
21.5.1921.

53. Secn. Vide remarks on Mr. Venkobarao note

Asst Engr
23.5.21.

VJ 25/5/21

ST
The Estimate will be sent to the Council

SD 25/5/21

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Mwg File No. 201 of 1920

Serial No.	
	54. Draft reminder to the Chief Engr. Subd. 8/8/24
	55. Memo 11/8/24
9	From the Chief Engr. letter no. 6803 & 14-3-22.
	Submits, for orders, plans & estimates, the latter amounting to Rs 23,000, for the preservation of the Sri Chennakesaswami temple at Belur; and recommends the allotment of a sum of Rs 500 per annum, for the maintenance of the temple buildings, from the Muzrai budget.
	56. If the estimate for Rs 23,000 cannot be sanctioned as a whole, on account of the financial stringency at present, the Executive Engr. requests early sanction at least to the portion of the estimate costing Rs 12,116 for the repairs and preservation of the (1) main temple, (2) gopuram, (3) Navaranga Mantapam, (4) Kalyana Mantapam, (5) Nuebagilu, (6) Vahana Mantapam, (7) Nagasala and (8) Ammanavara Samidhi, the repairs to the remaining shrines and mantapams

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being undertaken in the order of their urgency and importance, as funds become available.

57. ~~Dr~~ An allotment of a sum of at least Rs 500 for the annual repairs of the temple, is recommended, to enable urgent repairs being attended to without loss of time.

58. The point for consideration is from what source the cost of the estimate and the maintenance charges should be met.

59. The temple is reported to be too poor to meet the cost (vide D. C's letter Sl. 1).

60. As for the cost being met from the Muzrai or P.W.D budgets, kind reference is invited to the Member's note 8/23/1-20 (vide pages 6 & 7 of the note).

61. The matter having been discussed in Council (vide page 10 of the notes), a report was ordered to be called for from the Archaeological Deptt in consultation with the P.W.D. as to the amount of work necessary. The estimate now received is the result of the further enquiry made.

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Serial No.

62. It is a point for orders whether the file may now be sent to the Sec^tt. (Council section) for considering the ways & means of meeting the cost of the estimate and the ~~maint~~ annual maintenance charges.

SD
23.3.22 SB 28/3/22

63. The present report has to be considered in Council (vide Council Resolution at page 10 of the rules)
Second member) WJ 27/3/22

S-124-303
28.3.22

64. The file may now be submitted to the Dewan. No, I believe. ~~Dewan~~ opinion is not likely to be decided as regards the desirability of the work yet. I fear, that it may be quite impracticable to incur any appreciable expenditure on this account in view of the present financial stringency.

Rec
31.3.22

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Dewan) WJ 31/3/22

65) The case has been considered in Council this year
66. 2nd member) 9.7.0. Bry 7/4

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

My File No. 201 of 1922

Serial No.	
5-301-102 5.4.22	67-Secn. P. W. D. may be informed accordingly. Reed 7-4-22 Draft by Hon 8/4
ST 10/4	Draft letter subd. 8D 12/4/22 Bh 12/4/22 Secy Hon 18/4
	Revenue Note. But can we not give even Rs 5000/- for maintenance? Hon 18/4
10	No [illegible] dt. 11-4-22 to the Chief Engineer [illegible]
ST 21/4	The temple has no funds of its own to meet the charge & it is a point for consideration whether the charge can be met from the annual state grant for repairs, which has been reduced from Rs 10000 ~~to Rs 500~~/- to Rs 5000/- for 1922-23 — 8D 27/4/22 Bh 27/4/22 Record the file as now Hon

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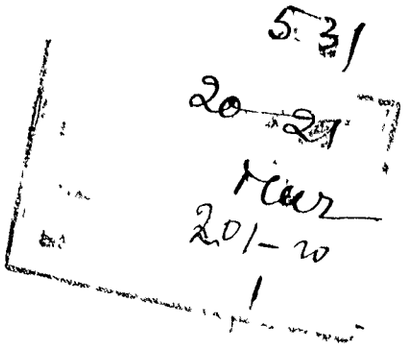

From

B. VENKOBA RAO, Esq., B.A.,

7433 *Deputy Commissioner,*
HASSAN DISTRICT.

To

[illegible]

Dated [illegible] 1920.

Despatched 30-8-20

Received

General No. Roc 116-20/Ge
No.

Enclosure No.

[illegible]

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
HASSAN DISTRICT

Dated, Hassan, the 30th Aug. 1920.

From

B. VENKOBA RAO, ESQ., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.
HASSAN DISTRICT.

To

T.L.Jayarama Iyer, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore, Mulrai Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copy of letter No. 854 dated 13/19th August 1920 from the Executive Engineer, Hassan -- Division, I have the honour to state that the temple of -- Sri Chennakesavaswami at Belur is in need of immediate -- repairs. The Northern side of the main temple, hall, the - Bhasma Bhirava idol, the compound wall and the main ----- entrance gate (Ane Bagilu) are all said to be in a very dangerous condition and if they are not set right early -- would result in heavy damage.

2. The Executive Engineer states that an estimate for - Rs. 5000-0-0 for carrying out certain repairs has been --- sanctioned but it does not provide for the present urgent repairs that are necessary and even granting that the esti - mate is received the work cannot be said to be complete -- as so many items of work or other has to be attended to constantly to prevent further damages to the famous historic -- temple.

3. In view of these facts the Executive Engineer recommends that some annual grant is necessary to maintain this famous institution at the required standard. This is one of the subjects sent up for the Dasará Session of the Representative Assembly of 1920. Concurring with the views

of the Executive Engineer based on personal inspection, I would strongly urge that Government may be pleased to allot some -- amount from the Public Works Department Budget for the annual maintenance of this important institution.

It is not possible to spare a sufficient amount from the income of the temple every year as can be seen from the scale recently revised.

4. I have also touched upon this subject in my brief reports for the years 1918-19 and 1919-20 and I beg now to recommend once again that the matter deserves early attention lest these institutions of archaeological and historic interest should deteriorate.

5. For the foregoing reasons I request that a recurring --- State Grant for the annual maintenance of this temple may ---- kindly be sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Letter No.234 dated Hassan the 18/19th August 1920 from the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division to the Deputy Commissipner, Hassan.

Adverting to your letter No.116-20/GL.c. dated the 5th Instant forwarding copy of letter from the Amildar of Belur regarding the leakage in the Southern side of the main building of Sri Chennakeshava Swami Temple at Belur, I have the honor to inform you that I inspected all the buildings attached to the temple in great detail on the 10th and 11th idem.

2. On the Northern side of the main temple hall which is said to have been damaged at the time of the Mahamadan invasion long ago one stone beam after another is giving away owing to development of cracks. Some time back two such beams were supported by round wood-en pillars. One more has seriously cracked both longitudinaly and cross-wise and requires immediate support. Arrangements have been made for the same.

3. Besides the leak over the Smasana Bhairva idol, there are leaks in the roofs of all the temples and Mantapams especially at the draining spouts. Instructions have been issued to the Sub Assistant Engineer, Sakalespur and the contractor regarding the entire stoppage of the leaks.

4. The old Prakara or Compound wall of the temple was observed to be made up of two outer casings of size stone with a hearting of ordinary clay. In the middle of the South wall, the interior stone casing has fallen down carrying with it the earthern core also. Only the exterior thin casing of stone remains at present with a heavy load of 3' heignt of parapet wall over it throughout. As the town road runs just by the side of this wall, it was found dangerous to leave it in that state and so it has been arranged to dismantel the wall and rebuild it properly.

5. Further, the wall on the same side has also bulged out to a length of 20' more. There seems no possibility of preventing this bulging which is taking place in some portion or other along the whole length of the compound wall.

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6. I take this ppportunity of bringing to your notice that the heavy ~~beam~~ stone beam across the entrance named Ane Bagalu or Elephant gate and many other ~~beams~~ beams are likely to come down very soon, if timely precautions are not taken. The present sanctioned estimate amounting to R. 5830/- does not cover many items of work which are immediately necessary to be carried out and even after this estimate is revised duly providing for all necessary items, the ~~repairs~~ repairs to the temple cannot in any sense be said to have been completed as some item of work or other has to be attended to constantly to prevent further damages to this famous temple which is on the rapid ~~road~~ to ruin.

7. In the circumstances, I think it highly desirable and necessary to carry out repairs annually under a grant to be fixed by Government. In case you agree with my views in the matter, I request you to kindly move our benign Government to accord sanction for annual repairs to this monument of Architecture, when, it is needless to point out, is well worth preserving.

" C O P Y "

B Seetharama Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

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Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to 531

No. 2268

General and Revenue Secretariat

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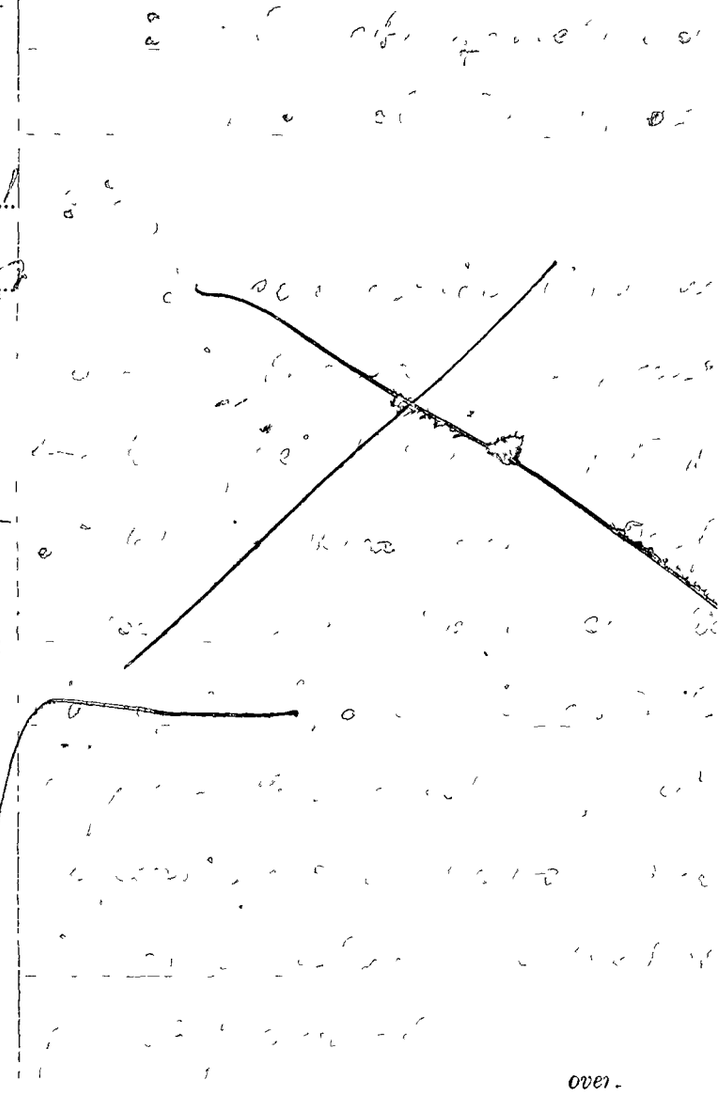
To

Date of issue 6.1.21

Signed by Inv. Asst Regr

With ref. to the
Correpe. ending with
Your letter no 41697 30 Aug
1920 ~~on the~~ regarding
the Sri Chennakesava
Swami Temple @ Belur



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SUBJECT.

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I am also to request that in the

steps may be taken

matter may be hereby

heated as expeditiously

urgent and the Scheme

& Estimate called for

at once. ~~Reply~~.

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List of enclosures

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No. 125/256.

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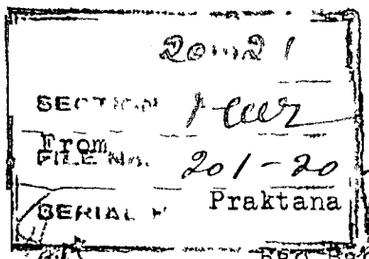

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Office of the Director of
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCHES IN MYSORE
BANGALORE, 10th January 1921.

Praktana vimarsa vichakshana

Rao Bahadur R.NARASIMHACHAR,Esq., M.A.,
Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore,

To.

T.E.Jayarama Iyer, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzrai Department
B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.3269/Muz.201-20-3 dated 4t January 1921 calling for a complete scheme for the preservation of the Channakesavaswami Temple at Belur in consultation with the P.W.D., have the honour to suggest that the Chief Engineer may also be addres ~~ed~~ in the matter, if a reference has not already been made, as the - estimates have to be prepared in that Department in accordance with - the points that may be decided at the time of the joint inspection of the monument.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R. Narasimhachar

Director of
Archl: Researches in Mysore.

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14/1/21

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Mysore

File No. 201-20

Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to 1467

Very urgent

No. 2884 Exe
Engineer

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Mysore)
, *the* *191* .

To
The Chief Engineer
Bangalore.

Date of issue 21-2-21

Signed by

Sir,

In continuation of Mysore No. 2270/Mg 201-20-2 of 4-1-21 re repairs to Sri Chennakesavaswami Temple at Belur, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter no. 125/256 of 10-1-21 from the Director of Archæological Research in Mysore and to request that the estimate called for may be forwarded at an early date.

over.

SUBJECT.

Executive Engineer
Exec. Engr. Dept.

No. 163 ENCLOSURE. ONE.
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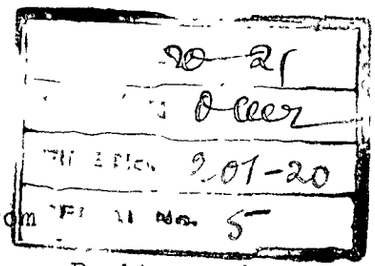

Office of the Director of
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCHES IN MYSOR
BANGALORE, 5th March 1921.

From

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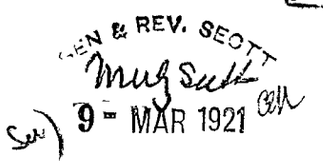
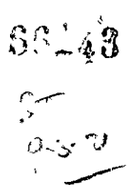
Rao Bahadur R.NARASIMHACHAR, Esq., M.A.,
Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore,





To

T.E. Jayaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department, B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.2269/Muz.201-20-2 dated th- 4th January 1921, I have the honour to submit herewith a complete scheme for the preservation of the Sri Channakesava Swami temple a Belur, prepared after a joint inspection held on the 13th February in company with the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division. A copy the Notes has been forwarded to the Executive Engineer for the preparation of the Estimate which, on receipt from him, will be submitted to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. Narasimhachar

Director of
Archl: Researches in Mysor

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SUBJECT.....

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General and Revenue Secretariat

(Mysore)

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Date of issue 14.4.21

Signed by [illegible]

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File No. 201-10

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No. 3605

To

The Dy: Comr., Hassan Distt.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Director of Archaeological Researches has submitted a complete scheme for the preservation of the Sri Cheunakesavaswami temple at Belur, prepared after a joint inspection ~~held~~ on 13-2-21 ~~in company~~ with the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division and in this scheme it is stated that

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temporary measures should be
taken to keep the premises clean
and tidy & to watch them from
further damage by the people
and for this purpose the
immediate appointment of
a watchman has been proposed

2. The Govt. wish to know
how the 4 menials ~~of~~ now on the temple
establishment are ~~now~~ employed
and whether one of them cannot
be told off to do the work of a
watchman. ~~If it is very necessary~~
to appoint ~~one~~ an additional
hand to do the watchman's duty,
I am to enquire whether the
temple has the necessary funds
to meet the charge.

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Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
HASSAN DISTRICT.

Dated, Hassan, the fourteenth April 1921.

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From

B. VENKOBA RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
HASSAN DISTRICT.

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To,

The Dewan Bahadur, ... Esq., B.A., [illegible],
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness The Maharaja of Mysore.
[illegible] *Department.*
Bangalore.

Sir

In continuation of this office [illegible] dated [illegible] on the above-cited subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the resolution passed in the District Conference held at Hassan, on the subject and to request that a suitable grant of [illegible] may be made for the repairs of the Belur Gopuram mentioned in the letters referred to above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. Venkoba Rao
Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

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From

B. VENKOBA RAO, Esq., B.A.

Deputy Commissioner,
HASSAN DISTRICT

To

T. [illegible] Jeya a a Iyer, Esq, B.A.,B
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[illegible] ecommending an [illegible]atic grant of ₹ 1000/- [illegible] for the [illegible]te-nance of the [illegible] Hobli temple [illegible] the Hassan District.

Extract from the Register of subjects discussed at the Hassan District Conference 1951.

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Belur Taluk Conference	Subject
	An automatic grant of ₹ 1,000/- per annum may be sanctioned for repairs of temples at Halebid and Belur on account of their architectural beauty and delicacy of workmanship and historical association, until the temples are completely restored.
Taluk Conference Resolution.	Strongly recommended to the Muzrai Department.
District Conference Resolution.	Recommended.

Forwarded to the Muzrai Department for necessary action.

Sd/ S. Dharma Rao,
Secretary, District Board.

" C O P Y "

B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

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Office of the
Director of Archæological
Researches in Mysore.

Bangalore : 18-5-21.

Dear Mr Ramiah,

I shall go over there
the cause of the day. I have al-
present some work on hand which
must occupy our hour. Afterwards
I shall go to you.

Yours Sincerely,

B. Venkoba Rao

Ramiah. Esq. B.A.
Supdt. G.R.S.

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Office of the Director of
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCHES IN MYSORE,
BANGALORE, 2nd/3 May 1921.

From

raktana vimarsa vichakshana
Rao Bahadur R.NARASIMHACHAR,Esq., M.A.,
Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore,

To

T.E.Jayarama Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.163/340 dated 5th March 1921, I have the honour to state that the accompanying designs for the restoration of the Sri Channakesava Swami Temple at Belur which were required by the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division, for the preparation of the estimate have been furnished to him and that he has been requested to submit two estimates, one containing urgent items which require immediate sanction of Government for the safety of the structure and the second including the rest of the items that are not so urgent.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R Narasimhachar

Director of
Archl:Researches in Mysore.

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5/5/21

With reference to the remarks made by the Second Member of Council on my sketches regarding the Channakesava Swami Temple at Belur I beg to state as follows:-

Two designs are submitted for the lamp post, one ~~of~~ stone and the other ~~of~~ wood. The stone pillar is intended for erection in the open compound where it is exposed to weather and the wooden one for erection in shady places either in the interior or in verandahs. Wooden posts, if made of good seasoned teak wood ~~&~~ coated with a thick coat of varnish and protected from sun and rain, are sure to last long.

Yes. But they will have a bizarre effect. This is what has got the guards against.

These are only designs for Lamp Posts ~~and~~ which do not include Lanterns. The lanterns, to be in keeping with the rest of the structure, have really to be more ornamental and of elegant shape and should be made of brass and fitted with plate glass. But such lamps are very costly. Lanterns of such special designs have been erected at the Gates of the Taj Mahal at Agra and have cost the Government of India some hundreds of rupees. Another fine lantern is hung above the tomb of Akbar at Sikandarh and is the gift of Lord Curzon who is said to have contri-buted a fairly decent sum for its erection. Thus looking to the heavy outlay which such special lamps entail, only cheap lanterns made of tin and sheet glasses have been suggested in the drawing. But if the Government so desire I shall submit a suitable design for the lantern also.

If may be Hoch his + his glass was replaced + brass replaced by glass. Which later with certainly be expensive. It is more ~~most~~ suitable. The design

Archeological Office,
Bangalore. 18th May 1921.

P. Venkoba Rao
architect

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MYSORE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
CENTRAL OFFICE,

Dated Bangalore 14 March 1922,

No. 6803

1 Estimate with abstract
1 main abstract
1 Report
1 Conservation notes
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1 Block plan (Tracing)
1 Copy of letter

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FROM

S. CADAMBI, ESQ.,
Chief Engineer of Mysore, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Muzrai Department, Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.2505/Muz.201-20 dated the 18th November 1921 I have the honour to forward, for favour of orders, the accompanying plans and estimates, the latter amounting to Rs.23,000 for the preservation of the Sri Chennakesavaswami Temple at Belur.

2. The necessity for the items of work proposed and the --- provisions made therefor are explained by the Executive Engineer in fairly exhaustive report attached to the estimate.

3. A copy of letter No.72 dated the 13th January 1922 received from the Executive Engineer, offering his suggestion as to the urgency of certain works and the maintenance of the buildings is herewith enclosed for information.

4. The allotment of a sum of Rs.500 per annum for the latter purpose from the Muzrai Budget is worthy of consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Letter No.72 dated the 13th January 1922 from the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division to the Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, Mysore.

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With reference to the correspondence ending with your No.227/ E.H.(38J-21) dated 4/6th January 1922, I have the honour to -- submit herewith an estimate with plan amounting to Rs.23,029/- for the conservation of Sree Chennakesava Swamy temple at Belur and to request that, in case it is not feasible to get sanction of Government to the estimate as a whole on account of the financial stringency at present, early sanction may kindly be obtained at least to the portion of estimate costing Rs.12,116/- for the repairs and preservation of the main temple, gopuram, Naganayakana Mantapam, Kalyana Mantapam, Anebagilu, Vahana mantapam, Yagasala and Ammanavara Sannidhi, the repairs to the remaining shrines and mantapams being undertaken in the order of their urgency and --- importance as funds become available.

It may also be pointed out that, as recommended in the conservation notes of the temple, it is very necessary to allot a sum of at least Rs.500/- for the annual repairs of the temple to enable urgent items being attended without loss of time.

The report accompanying the estimate explains clearly the various items of works proposed for execution in each of the shrines. It may kindly be perused with the conservation notes of the temple sent by the Director of Archaeology in Mysore and submitted herewith for information.

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"Copy"

T. Narasimhan

Assistant Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

A.N/11-3.

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SCHEME FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SRI CHANNAKESAVA SWAMI TEMPLE AT BELUR.

SECRET
4 FEB 1922

In accordance with the Government Order No. 2269/ Muz: 201-20-2 dated the 4th January 1921, I met the Executive Engineer, Hassan District at Belur on the 13th February 1921 and both of us inspected the whole temple. The amildar of the Taluk and also the Archak and the Parapategar of the temple were with us.

1. MAIN TEMPLE.

As daily service is going on in the temple it is in a tolerable state of preservation.

(a) Some of the beams on the East Wall of the Navaranga are cracked and require to be replaced. Temporary ppops, some of stone and other of wood, are now used to support them. These rough props not only make the place look ugly but also crowd the interior and shut out light which should pass only through the ---- pierced stone screens. One of the most constantly occuring repairs in the case of temples all of which are of pillars and lintol construction is that of ---- broken beams. Owing either to the grat masses of --- heavy masonry which these acrry or to the unequal ~~xxx~~ settlement of the foundation, the beams often crack through. In effecting repairs in such cases in the temples of Gujarat and other places in Northern India various devices have been us d with success in which angle-irons, T irons or girders are made use of. I have seen some cracked stone beams reppired by using angle-irons as shown in the margin. Of course, there may be some difficulty in joining iron with stone but in the case of Ancient Monuments where the preservatio as much as possible of the original appearance is of utmost importance, the trouble that is entailed in

such

such methods is worth undertaking.

For these reasons the cracked beams in this temple may be supported either by angle irons or by the use of ----- girders placed behind them to relieve them of the weight above or even by the use of iron stirrups and bolts where ever possible. In this way several props that are now --- seen in the hall may be removed.

(b) The joints of the Chajja stones (Drip stones) over the walls of the Garbha gudi towards the West are all widening over the sculptured images. This is very ------ injurious to the temple. To prevent further damage ---- these drip stones should be reset and a parapet wall built over the same to keep them in position. A ------ sufficient number of well-carved stone water-spouts should be provided to throw off water clear of the walls. There is a parapet wall in existence over a portion of the --- temple and the same design should be followed through out. The plaster used should be stained to match with the ---- existing structure.

(c) Another urgent necessity is the resetting of the slabs of the plat-form all round the temple. Owing to the unequal level of the slabs much of the rain water --- stagnates here and there and percolates through the ----- foundation which is very undesirable. All the slabs --- should be removed and reset with suffácient slope to --- drain off all water.

(d) There are holes in the joints of stones on either side of the entrances both ~~the~~ in the East and in the North. These should be covered with coloured mortar.

(e) There are two ugly Mantaps erected on the plat-form which conceal some carved ámages and mar the beauty of the temple. They should either be removed or done up to be in consonance with the temple.

(f) In front of the East entrance there are two rough

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stone pillars, apparently lamp-posts which are now out of use. They should be removed.

(g) All the remains of white-wash now seen on the outer walls of the temple should be carefully scraped off. If necessary a weak solution of Acetic-Acid may be tried followed by a thorough washing down with water in which a little Carbonate of Soda has been dissolved.

(h) The Sukhanasi door way is an excellent piece of delicate carving. It consists of a thin slab of stone in places not more than 4 inches in width. The constant banging of heavy door shutters against it often times in a day causes considerable shock to the same. Something must be done to prevent it. The P.W. Department have proposed to construct an iron cage in front of the door way. This iron railing is rather out of place in a temple of this kind and should be avoided. The best way to do it would be to remove the shutters themselves from the slab and place them 6 or inches behind their present position as shown in the sketch.

(i) The local prople urged strongly for the construction of a vimana over the Garbha-Gudi. But the vimana cannot, in my opinion, be constructed for the following reasons:-

(1) As already stated, the joints of stones in the walls of the Garbha-gudi have widened and the stones themselves being much disintegrated have lost their original strength considerably. They cannot, I think, sustain any additional weight.

(2) A Vimana to be in keeping with the rest of the structure, should be sufficiently ornamental and it is not possible to construct

construct one such, partly on account of prohibitive cost but chiefly for want of skilled labour.

(3) Sir John Marshall, Director General of Archaeology, during his visit in March 1910 expressed himself very strongly against any kind of restoration of --- these temples, as he said that these were the creations of a past that was dead, and the less they were renovated the more would posterity be pleased. Restoration may in all likelihood, result in the production of a mongrel -- structure which will be of no manner of benefit to prosperity.

J). Many of the images are broken by visitors. For example, a beautiful image of Arjuna on the North wall is disfigured by dents all over its surface. Such wanton mischief should be put a stop to at once.

K). Women are in the habit of rubbing sesamum and xxxx cereals on the stones of the plat form rendering the place dirty. This practice should be discouraged.

L) A Homakunda in brick and mud is constructed in the Navaranga. It should be removed. All the homa that may have to be done must be done in a place specially set apart for it, Viz., in the yagasala.

66.NAGANAYAKAN MANTAPAM.

The porches on either side of the mantapam are out of plumb and there has been a sinking in the foundation at these places. They require re-construction. The capital of one of the pillars has cracked which requires to be replaced. The bases of one or two pillars are ---- decayed far too much to be serviceable. They should --- also be removed, and others of similar design substituted

The flooring of the whole Mantapa requires reseting at the Parapet wall requires repairs.

There are thick coats of shunam all over the lintels and ceiling which should be scraped off.

III. KALYANA MANTAPAM.

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III KALYANA MANTAPAM.

Two of the four front pillars are out of plumb on the three ankanas seem to be sinking gradually. This is injurious to the rest of the structure. To prevent further damage it is desirable either to reconstruct this portion or to pull it down entirely.

IV. STORE AND KITCHEN.

The North wall of the store room and the pillars of the verandah attached to it have leaned out. The verandah, which runs in front of the entire length of the store room and the kitchen and also in front of the 2 side walls. It serves no other purpose except to throw rubbish and as a matter of fact, the whole verandah is kept very dirty at present. The best way of improving the place will be to remove the verandah --- altogether excepting the porches in front of the door ways which have good carved ceilings. Both the rooms are ill-ventilated. Some of the bays require to be opened and provided with pierced stone screens. The window shutters of modern design which exist on the outer wall between the Main Gopuram and the Anebagalu should be removed, and openings blocked with solid wall. This alteration is necessary to improve the facade of the temple.

The interior of the kitchen requires to be pave with either slabs of stone or good bricks on edge. Some beams have broken and require supporting. These have already been included in the sanctioned estimate which also provides a battened door to the kitchen. As far as possible the use of either stone pillars or wooden posts as props should be avoided. As regards the door a design may be prepared and sent to this office before execution. The Archak suggested some

alterations

alterations in the partition walls in the kitchen in lieu of stone props, which seem unobjectionable.

V. ANEBAGILU.

A new door has recently been provided by the P.W.D. The capital of one of the pillars in front of the door way is crushed. The P.W.D. propose to insert stone pillar by the side of the existing one, in which case another one of similar size should be places on the left side also. The pillars used should be of good shape and nicely dressed.

Re-setting of the stone flaggings of the pials and provision of a new lovey stone in place of a broken one both of which are desirable have been already included in the sanctioned estimate.

VI. AVARANA MALIGE.

The Archak told me that women are in the habit of making the roof dirty by using it as a place for drying corn or subbing sesamum Etc. The prevent this doorway may be provided and the entrance blocked to the public.

VII. YAGASALA.

The appearance of this is spoilt by the introduction of a window of modern design. The Sale is no doubt dark and requires light inside. This can only be done by having pierced screens of this design either in stone or in cement concrete. The window should therefore be removed and the screen substituted. The improvement of this Yagasala is very necessary as the removal of the ugly Homakunda in the Navaranga of the main temple is recommended elsewhere.

VIII. PAGADE CHARI MANTAPAM.

The roof of this is said to be leaky and requires repairs.

IX. RAMADEVARA SANNIDHI.

Water seems to percolate through the roof on the East

East wall. It may be repaired. There is a broken mantapa against the left wall which should be removed.

The walls of the Garbhagudi require cement pointing.

X. NARASIMHA SANNIDHI.

The steps leading to it require resetting.

A new lintel has been provided over the doorway in the estimate. A door with shutters partly panelled and partly barred has been fixed by the P.W.D. now. Perhaps this kind of door is proposed to admit the welcome light inside the temple, but it is out of place in panelled door. A design for this may be obtained from this department.

The foundation in front has sunk and should be repaired.

XI. JEEVAR SANNIDHI.

Flooring slabs in the front Mantapa require resetting. The entrance should be provided with suitable shutters.

XII. KAPPE CHANNIGARAYA TEMPLE&

A completely panelled door with holes should be substituted for the panelled and barred door provided in the estimate. Slabs on the Jagali ( ) insid require resetting.

A bamboo fence has been erected barring the ----- passage between the Kappe Channigaraya Temple and the Jeeyar Sannidhi apparently to prevent people getting into the garden behind. This is very ugly and should be removed. If a fence is required a green hedge ---- behind the temple and below the plat-form would be --- suitable.

The outside walls of the temple are covered with thick coats of plaster which should be removed.

The stones of the plat-form surrounding the temple require

require resetting. The roof also is said to be leaky in places.

XIII. AMMANAVARA SANNIDHI.

Require flooring. The door leading into the ---- Rangamantapa requires repairs. The existing windows of modern design should be replaced by pierced slabs of either stone or cement concrete.

XIV. VAHANA MANTAPA.

The pial in front requires levelling and resetting. The walls require repairs. The iron railing provided is ugly and is rudely fixed. It should be removed. If any railing is required at all, it should be completely of wood and must be fixed between the pillars and not behind as is now done. A design from this office might be obtained before carrying out the work.

The floor requires to be paved with stone slabs.

Vahanas are thrown promiscuously inside the mantap A place for every vahana should be fixed/ and an attempt should be made to place each in its own place.

XV. VEERA NARAYANA TEMPLE.

There is a thick coat of plaster over the images and walls which should be removed.

A new door should be provided for the entrance. The plat-form requires resetting.

Plants have grown on the roof and walls. They should be removed.

The roof water flows over the walls. A sufficien number of water spouts should be provided.

XVI. GRANARY.

This is a spacious room in a fair state of preservation. A small portion of the wall to the right of the entrance has bulged out which can be repaired at a ---- small cost. This room can be utilized as an additional

additional store room or for some other purpose.

XVII. ANDAL SANNIDHI.

The beauty of the temple is marred by the brick walls recently constructed. They are apparently ----- intended to form supports to the superstructure. Walls built in stone or any other method of strengthening the support would have been preferable to the present ---- brick construction. The dwarf walls constructed in front may at least be removed and wooden railings 3 fee high may be fixed if necessary.

XVIII. GAJENDRA MOKSHA KALYANI.

The pond which is in the enclosure is also called Vasudeva Pond, and is in a neglected condition. Being a good example of Hoysala pond construction this deser. to be preserved in perfect repair.

It stands in need of slight repairs here and there. The existing compound wall should be raised in stone and continued all round. The entrance mantapa should be provided with door shutters. The two turrets standing on the landing should be cleaned and the disp placed stones set right.

The water in the pond is not in use now. The necessary repairs should be made and the pond thrown open to the public. Otherwise it is likely to render the surroundings insanitary.

XIX. The MANTAP.

The mantap in front of ammanavara Sannidhi requires to be repaired thoroughly, with good flooring and a new parapet wall.

Steps also require to be re-constructed.

XX. THE GOPURA.

The gopura needs repairs here and there. The lovey mouldings of some of the niches are broken and should be repaired.

The

the Kalasas on the top require repairs and regilding.

The pial inside is used as a place of habitation and is consequently dirty. Thatc place should always be kept vacant open and clean.

XXXI. WELL.

There is a well in front of the kitchen . The ground round it should be sloped to drain off all water thrown near it .

XXII. Garuda Gamba.

The wooden post used for this is crooked. A straight pole may be obtained and substituted. The metal casing requires cleaning.

XXIII. INSCRIPTIONS.

There are a good number of inscription stones scattered all over the place and thrown in all sorts of position. It would be desirable to fix firmly all loose stones in their proper places.

XXIV. NAGARKHANA.

The structure standing outside the enclousure called Nagarkhana is more an eyesore than an ornament, and its complete removal is absolutely necessary to improve the appearance of the facade.

The local people however, urged that a place for beating Nagari was necessary and that this mantapa --- might be repaired and kept. But I am of opinion that it is not in a condition to be reapred as it now stands and that if at all only one ankana will be quite enough to serve the purpose. I therefore propose that the --- existing building may be domolished and out of the ---- materials onlyone anakana with an upper storey may be re-constructed quite detached from the main building. A design may be obtained from this Department.

XXV. NAVARATRI MANTAPAM.

The iron railing fixed mars the beauty

beauty of this beautiful Mantap. The Mantap is used for festivities during the Navaratri days and the ----- function being a public one it ought to be quite open. The necessity for the railing therefore is not clear. It may be removed and the premises kept clean and tidy.

At present rubbish is thrown here and there --- inside the Mantap and bricks and brick-bats are heaped in front of it. These should be removed.

Plants have grown on the roof. These should be rooted out and the existing parapet wall should be ---- plastered over and stained to match with the old work.

XXVI. COMPOUND.

The compound wall has fallen in two places. It should be reconstructed. The whole compound of the Temple is strewn with broken stones and several ------ architectural members belonging to the temple. All these should be collected and stacked in a row in a suitable place as has been done in the Kedaraswara ---- temple compound at Halebid. The stones should be sorted and arranged in groups according to their character. Thus all pillars should be in one group; all the drip stones in another; all belonging to the frieze in the third; and so on.

XXVII. THE FACADE.

The facade of the temple is anything but interesting at present. The thached car shed in front of the gopura, the delapidated Nagarkhana, the glazed windows built into the wall, the uneveness of the ground, the heaps of rubbish thrown in the immediate vicinity of the compound wall and the mortor wheel left behind by the P.W.D. have all contributed to this uninviting --- appearance of the exterior.

As already recommended in para 4 above, the ----
windows

should be taken out and the openings walled in. The car shedxd should be removed if possible, a little --- farther north and away from the temple premises. The dirt thrown should all be cleared and the ground should be levelled. The Nagarkhana should be reconstructed smaller if necessary. The space between the gopura and the Anebagalu may be utilised as a flower garden neatly enclosed by a green hedge. These alterations are sure to improve the appearance of the temple and invest it with a grandeur and dignity which it now lack

XXVIII. DETERIORATION OF STONES.

Another most important point which should engage our attention is to arrest the deterioration of stones of the temple. Deterioration has taken various forms. Some of the stones are crumbling into dust, some are dropping in flakes and some others have lost their colour and show a fungus growth on them, either white or yellowish red in colour. Though the defenite cause for all this has not yet been ascertained, it may be generally put down as the natural effect of weather and water over stones for the past many centuries. The careless splashing of chunam on them over and over ----- again and the constant flowing of water over their ----- surface through the outlets for want of projecting ---- gorgoyls may have had something to di in bringing about this change.

Fragments of stones with specimens of growth on them are being forwarded to the Archeological chemist at Calcutta for opinion. In the meantime the reports called for from the state Geologist and the Industrial chemist may be awaited. Any way something must be don soon to check the decay.

XXIX. GENERAL.

A scheme for the conservation of a Monument cannot be

be called a complete one unless satisfactory provision is made for the proper care of the same. There is no body now to prevent people from destroying the images of the temple. As already stated, a beautiful image of Arjuna is disfigured and many more ones are broken. I am told that the temple servants have got their hands always full with other work and cannot be expected to play the sentry. Two watchmen may therefore be appointed as in the case of Hoysaleswara temple at Halebid whose duty should be to sweep the whole premises clean clear the compound of all rank vegetation, look to the watering of the garden and keep a strict watch over the temple.

This is very ancient temple and has got a ---- spacious compound with many pavilions. The long year of neglect have left the main structures and its ---- surrounding shrines in different degrees of disrepair. Some-thing or other will be cropping up always within the temple enclosure which requires immediate attention. The present practice of preparing the estimate after the defect is noticed, and undertaking its ----- repair after getting the sanction at the hands of ---- Government tends to much delay. I beg to suggest therefore that a small amount of money, say Rs. 500/-, out of the Rs. 10,000/- in the Muzarai Budget may be ear-marked for this temple annually and placed at the disposal of the P.W.D. who should carry out all the urgent and petty repairs with the concurrence of this Department. The Hassan district is full of Ancient Monuments most of which belong to the 1st class and the the grant of 200/- sanctioned in the G.O. of the 14th September 1920 towards their annual repairs is quite inadequate. Hence this recommendation for a sep rate allotment

allotment for this temple which is one of the most ---- important monuments in the state.

Cement pointing has been recommended in one or two places in the notes above. Mortor was not used originally for the construction of temples of this style and the pointing, if done in an open manner and carelessly as has been done already in some places, would be peculiably disfiguring. The cement used should first be mixed with some colour to match with the surrounding structure and it should then be tucked back about half an inch or more from the surface so as to be quite ---- inconspicuous.

It is also noticed that there is something ---- wrong with the water spouts provided over the roofs of most of the temples and water, instead of flowing freely out of the building, has trickled and spoilt many of the walls. All the spouts should therefore be ---- examined again and set right.

The practice now in vogue of painting the basement and steps of the temple with broad bands of red earth and chunam should be discouraged as, instead of enhancing the beauty they make the temple ugly.

There are a few iron pillars as lamp-posts within the enclosure of the temple. The introduction of cast-iron in any shape in the midst of Ancient Art is in-appropriate and quite jarring to the sense of aesthetic taste. These will have to be removed and others either of stone or of seasoned wood well carved, substituted substituted in their places.

The above is a fairly complete scheme for the preservation of this ancient building. Almost all the points that are calculated to preserve its original beauty as far as possible and to arrest any further --- deterioration are included here. The only temporary

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measures that can be taken until the scheme is sanction-
ed are to keep the premises clean and tidy and to watch
them from furtner damage by the people. For this ------
purpose the immediate appointment of the Watchmen ------
recommended would be necessary.

Bangalore, Sd/ B.Venkoba Rao, B.A.,

4th March 1921. ARCHITECT.

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Ex-Supr. Hassan Dn
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the main temple have settled in many places with the ---- result that much of the rain water stagnates and percolate through the foundation tending to endanger the structure. It is therefore proposed to remove and reset them with --- proper slope over a bed of metal concrete after dressing the joints and pointing them with cement.

(d) The holes of the joints of stones on either side of the entrances both on the East and North will be grouted with concrete of small size and plastered with colored mortar.

(e) The two ugly mantamps over the platform will be dismantled.

(f) Two rough stone lamp posts in front of the East ---- entrance will be removed.

(g) The remains of white wash now seen on the outer ---- walls of the temple will be scraped off.

(h) To prevent damage to the thin Sukhanasi doorway --- which is an excellent piece of delicate carving by the --- constant banging of heavy door shutters against it, it is proposed to remove the shutters and place them behind ---- their present position as shown in the sketch given under this sub-head in the conservation notes of the temple. For this purpose two stone pillars will be erected in the new position and a stone lintel brought over them and the ---- portion above the lintol built up with brick in mortar up to the ceiling.

(i) The existing Homakunda of brick in mud in the Navaranga will be removed and the joints of ~~xkkx~~ slabs in the interior pial pointed deep with cement.

II NAGARAYAKAL MANTAPAM.

The porches on either side which are out of plumb will be dismantled and rebuilt with the available pillars and capitals after examining the foundation and basement sunk in several places and rebuilding them if necessary with deeper foundation.

The ~~following~~ three of the whole mantapam will be reset pointed

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pointed with cement and the parapet wall rebuilt and repaired where necessary. The white wash over the pillars lintels and the ceiling will be scraped off and water ---- spouts reset in leaky places.

III. KALYANA MANTAPAM.

It is proposed to remove and reconstruct the front three arches which have sunk due to settlement of foundation with an ornamental parapet wall containing mouldings of images similar to those existing at present. The ---- stone paving will be reset over 3" concrete bed and pointed with cement and the stone spouts refixed so as to stop leakage.

IV. [illegible] KITCHEN.

The V randah in front of these will be dismantled -- excepting the pillars in front of the door ays which have carved ceilings.

The bulged out portion of the North wall will be dismantled and rebuilt and the pitched roof in the middle repaired. The existing teak-wood windows will be replaced by pierced stone screens to improve the facade of the ---- temple. To regulate the interior of the kitchen, the ~~exit~~ partition will be proposed to be removed and rebuilt in a separate place for the sake of convenience and the flooring reset properly. One door as per design supplied by the archaeological department will be provided.

V. [illegible] HALL.

The pediment of the massive stone cross beam in front of the entrance has crushed aside of the capital forming its support and the beam is likely to come down unless properly supported. It is therefore proposed to place two ---- new carved stone uprights of good shape to support the beam but to otherwise leave it as it is, except repairing the roof by fixing new lovey stone and resetting the ---- stone paving in lime.

VI. [illegible] VERANDA [illegible] LIGHT.

new door [illegible] door design will be fixed at the ----
entrance

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entrance to the roof to prevent the roof being dirtied by using it for drying corn or rubbing sesamum Etc. The ----- flooring will be reset and the roof repaired wherever leaky

VII. YAGASALA.

The existing teak-wood windows will be removed and ~~xxxx~~ pierced stone screens inserted in their stead. Kadapa ---- slab flooring with cement pointing will be provided to --- improve the Yagasala. The roof, parapet and stone spouts will be repaired and a new stone slab provided for the ~~xx~~ steps.

VIII. (1) PAGADE SALE.

The damaged wall of this mantapam will be dismantled and rebuilt and plastered with chunam. The roof will be repaired and joints of floor pointed with cement.

(2) Ramadevara Sannidhi.

The broken mantap against the left wall will be removed charging the cost to the estimate already open as -- ordered by the Chief Engineer during his inspection of the temple in December 1921 and so no provision is made for it in the present estimate. The other minor repairs will also be similarly attended to.

IX. NARASIMHASWAMY SANNIDHI.

The steps leading to it will be reset and the present door replaced by a new door of a design furnished by the Archaeological Department and the foundation repaired. Repairs are also provided for the roof including the fixing water spouts.

X. JEYAR SANNIDHI.

The flooring slabs in the front mantapam will be reset and the entrance provided with a new door as per design. As in other Sannidhis the roof will be repaired at the spouts to stop leaks.

XI. KAPPECHENNIGARAYA TEMPLE.

It is proposed to remove the iron bars of the existing

existing door shutters and insert pannelled shutters with holes pierced in them. The stone flagging of inside pials and of the plat-form surrounding the temple will be reset and pointed with cement and the plaster on the walls and ceiling removed. Provision is also made for giving stone props to cracked beams.

XII. ALMANAVARA SANNIDHI.

The floor of this Sannidhi is badly cut up. It is --- therefore proposed to provide Kadapa slab flooring. The existing windows will be removed and replaced by pierced stone screens and the roof repaired at the spouts.

XIII. VAHANA MANTAPAM.

The floor of the front pial will be reset and new --- granite flagging provided for the inside floor. Iron ----- railings already fixed under the sanctioned estimate will be removed and used inside the mantapam, new teak-wood --- railing as per design being fixed between the pillars. The walls require repairs and plastering, as also the roof.

XIV. VEER NARYANA SANNIDHI.

As in some other shrines, the plaster over the images and walls will be removed and a new door provided for the entrance. The flooring will be reset and the roof repaired, concrete floor being provided for the open-verandah.

XV. GRANARY.

The bulged out portion of the wall to the right of the entrance is proposed to be repaired at a small cost.

XVI. ANDAL SANNIDHI.

The front dwarf walls will be removed and teak-wood railing fixed in its place. The roof will also be repaired at the spouts.

XVII. GAJENDRAMOKSHA KALYANI.

The compound wall is proposed to be repaired and --- raised in stone and continued all round, a new door as per design being provided for the entrance mantapam. The dis-

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displaced stones will be reset firmly besides attending to cement pointing and sundry minor repairs.

XVIII. NORTH MANTAPAM.

Concrete flooring including smoothing is provided for the plal of this mantapam.

XIX. SMALL MANTAPAM IN OPEN YARD. (NORTH.)

Here the existing ~~the~~ stone paving will be reset and new lovey and carbol stones provided and the parapet repaired.

XX. SMALL MANTAPAM IN THE SOUTH OPEN YARD.

It is proposed to pave the floor with granite slabs and construct a new parapet wall, dismantling the old and damaged parapet. Minor repairs to roof and steps are -- also provided.

XXI. GOPURAM.

The gopuram needs repairs here and there. The lovey moulding of some of the niches are broken and require ---- repairs. Further some of the wooden pillars, supporting the roof in the several floors of the gopuram are partly damaged and require to be replaced early. It is also ---- necessary to rebuild the Kalasas on the top. Lumpsum provision are made for these items, as it is not possible to furnish detailes at this stage.

XXII. WELL.

It is proposed to reset the stone paving with proper slope all round the well in front of the kitchen to drain off water thrown near it.

XXIII. GARUDAGAMBA.

As the wooden pole used for this is crooked and also damaged, it is proposed to substitute a new teak-wood pole and fix the metal casing to it, after cleaning the latter with metal polish.

XXIV. THEPPASTA BA MANTAPAM.

The damaged portion of the wall will be dismantled and rebuilt and plastered. As the floor is cut up, provi-

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provision is made for paving it with stone slabsover 3"" concrete bed including cement pointing.

XXV. NAGARKHANA.

As recommended in the conservation notes of the ----- temple it is proposed to dismantle the existing building and rebuild out of the materials only one ankanam with an upper storey quite detached from the main building, as per design furnished by the Archeological Department.

XXVI. NAVARATRI MANTAPA.

The iron railing already fixed will be removed and the walls dismantled broken beams being supported by stone pillars of good shape. The roof is being repaired under the sanctioned estimate and so no provision is made for it in this estimate.

XXVII. COMPOUND.

The fallen portions of the compound wall are being rebuilt under a separate estimate recently sanctioned for the purpose. So provision is made in this estimate only for clearing the compound and collecting and stacking --- stones lying scattered in the premises in a suitable ---- manner.

It will be seen from the estimat that it contains many items for which only lump-sum provisions have been made on account of the difficulty of furnishing details at this stage as the nature of the existing structure is highly architectural and complex. Details for all lump-sum provisions will be given during execution which it is believed can only be satisfactory when undertaken departmentally without being entrusted to contractors.

On account of the dearth of even ordinary labour in the locality, it becomes necessary to import good skilled labour from outside at high wages to execute the works included in the present estimate. Suitable rates have

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SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to 3913

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File No.
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No 5849 Irrie

Irrigation Plans.

To

Date of issue 20-4-22 The Chief Engineer in Mysore

Bangalore.

Signed by Asst. Secretary

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter no. B. 6803 & 14-3-22 forwarding plans, and estimate amounting to Rs 23,000 for the preservation of the Sri Bheem Kesavaswami temple at Belur, I am directed to state that in view of the present financial

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stringency, the estimate has to lie over at least for a year.

The Estimate + other enclosures are ~~sent~~ herewith &c.

I have etc

Secretary

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in charge

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TOUR INSPECTION NOTES

OF THE

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL,

JUNE 1920.

TOUR INSPECTION NOTES
OF THE
SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

HASSAN DISTRICT.

JUNE 1920.

PART I—Narrative Account.

.1 Leaving Mysore by the afternoon train on Monday, 7th, arrived at Hassan on the evening of the same day and was met at the Railway Station by the Deputy Commissioner (Mr. B. Venkoba Rao) and the District Officers.

2. Next morning (8th), accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, the Vice-President of the Municipality (Mr. Mahomed Raza), the District Sanitary Officer (Mr. B. Krishna Rao), the Executive Engineer (Mr. B. G. Srinivasa Iyengar), Lt.-Col. Crawford and Rev. Slater, inspected the European Cemetery, about the closing of which there had been a recent reference from the Residency.

3. After this was over, at the request of Rev. Slater, paid a visit to the Redfern Memorial Hospital for Women and Children.

4. From here, I walked through the town and communicated to the Vice-President and the Sanitary Officer points which appeared to me to require attention, such as bad drains, collections of rubbish, unbuilt sites, etc.

5. At half-past three in the afternoon, I met the Vice-President and the Members of the Municipal Council as well as the President of the Planters Association (Lt.-Col. Crawford) and the officer in charge of the European Cemetery (Rev. Slater) at an informal meeting in the quarters of the Deputy Commissioner. The result of the discussion and the decision come to will be found in my Note on File No. P. P. 99 of 1919 *Vide* Annexure No. I.

6. The following morning (9th), I went round the new extensions accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, the Vice-President and the District Sanitary Officer and the Marahmat Engineer (Mr. S. Seetaramaya) and suggested certain improvements which I thought, could, with advantage, be adopted in connection with the laying out of further extensions. What appeared to me to be a superfluity was the number of roads and conservancy lanes provided as well as generous width given to them. Another point was the absence of provision for empty spaces to be used as recreation grounds. I also suggested Mr. Krumbiegel being consulted in connection with the laying out of these extensions. The suggestions made by me appeared to be acceptable to both the President and the Vice-President who said that they would be placed before the Municipal Council for its consideration.

7. Next, I visited the Sandal Koti and the District Forest Office where I was met by Mr. Woothiah, District Forest Officer. I found the premises kept neat and clean and an inspection of the accounts kept in the Sandal Koti showed that they were kept satisfactorily.

8. From here, I went and inspected the District Jail in which the D. S. P. Office is located and about which some public criticism had been heard.

PART II—Personal.

Nil.

PART III—Other Departments.

1. *The Redfern Memorial Hospital.*— This institution is at present in the charge of Doctor (Miss) Robb, an Irish Graduate in Medicine, and is very well equipped, while the management appeared to me to be very efficient. The Wards were very clean and cheerful looking, many of the beds being endowed ones. Both the institution and the Lady Medical Officer in charge appeared to be extremely popular, not only in the town itself, but also in the outlying taluks. There can be no doubt that this institution serves a most useful purpose and is deserving of every encouragement. Rev. Slater informed me that, when the Hospital was last inspected by Mr. Banerji, he had received an assurance that the hospital would receive substantial help, and that, in spite of it, nothing had happened yet. Enquiry elicited the fact that the matter had been referred to the Senior Surgeon, who in his turn had referred the matter to the District Board and the Municipal Council, and that the latter bodies had evinced little sympathy in the matter. In view of the circumstance that it would cost not only a heavy initial outlay on buildings and equipment, but also heavy recurring expenditure on account of staff, medicine, dietary, etc., which neither the Government on the one hand, nor the District Board and the Municipal Council on the other, could meet easily, I took advantage of the opportunity to suggest that it would be worth the while for both the District Board as well as the Municipal Council to adopt a more generous and sympathetic attitude towards the institution and to contribute substantially towards its funds. The point in which there seemed to be some difference of opinion was that the District Board and the Municipal Council wanted a voice in the management of the institution to which the Mission authorities were not agreeable. I suggested that, in case the District Board and the Municipality contributed substantially towards the up-keep of the Institution, they would be justified in instituting a Board of Visitors, who, while watching the interests of the general public in the management of the institution, would still have no direct participation in it. This Rev. Slater was quite agreeable to. Both the President of the District Board as well as the Vice President of the Municipal Council were thereupon asked to have this suggestion considered by their respective bodies with a view to a satisfactory arrangement being arrived at.

2. *Office of the District Superintendent of Police.*—It appeared to me that, as a make-shift arrangement, the Office of the District Superintendent of Police, could be shifted into, and located in, the building owned by the Municipality and now used as its office. The Deputy Commissioner, the Vice-President and the District Superintendent of Police (Mr. Santaveerappa) were all of opinion that this arrangement was both feasible and satisfactory. They added that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Municipal Council.

3. *District Hospital, Hassan.*—This institution is not only poorly equipped but also insufficiently manned. The arrangements are by no means satisfactory and the institution compares very unfavorably with the Local Mission Hospital. The urgent requirements of this institution are shown in the statement attached. (*Vide* Annexure No. II.) I was also rather surprised to know on enquiry that neither the District Medical Officer nor the District Sanitary Officer had a suitable up-to-date microscope for examination purposes.

4. *The Channakesava Temple at Belur.*—Copy of the notes recorded by me in the Visitors' Book of the institution is attached hereto. *Vide* Annexure No. III.

PART IV—Questions of General Policy.

Nil.

P. RAGHAVENDRA RAO,
Member of Council.

BANGALORE,
15th June 1920.

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEXURE No. I.

Note of the Second Member of Council on File No. P. P. 99 of 1919, on 10th June 1920.

On the afternoon of the 8th instant, I met the members of the Municipal Council, the Vice-President and the President as also Rev. Slater (Officer in charge of the Cemetery) and Lieut.-Col. Crawford (President of the Planters' Association) at an informal meeting held in the quarters of the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, and discussed the situation with them. I put up herewith a collection of typed papers on the subject given to me by the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, as also a typed note given to me by Lieut.-Col. Crawford. After considerable persuasion, it was agreed to formally reconsider the resolution recorded by the Hassan Town Municipal Council at its meeting held on 30th April 1920 and to record a fresh resolution (amended) in the terms of the note made at the time *vide* copy attached). It was felt by those present that the resolution, as agreed to be amended, would meet the requirements of the situation. Feelings ran high and the discussions displayed much warmth on both sides. Still, I cannot but give expression to what I considered to be a desire on the part of all concerned that the matter should be settled as amicably as possible. The compromise suggested by me was accepted by them and no alternative was suggested by either party. The meeting terminated with what, I thought to be, smoothed feelings all round and for which I expressed thanks and sincere sense of appreciation. The Deputy Commissioner told me subsequently that necessary action would be taken at a special meeting of the Municipal Council to be held on the 12th instant. Both the leaders of the Indian Section as well as the two European representatives expressed to me, later, the feeling of relief and satisfaction which they experienced on account of the amicable settlement of what had been an apple of discord between them. I suggested to Col. Crawford and he agreed to the Residency being addressed by the Planters' Association and informed that no further action need be taken by it in the light of recent developments. I had an assurance from Rev. Slater that every effort would now be made to forget the unpleasant episode. Before I left Hassan—the next day 9th—I had a talk with the Deputy Commissioner and the Vice-President (Mr. Mahomed Raza) and indicated to them the lines on which action could be advisedly taken in such matters in future. Further communication from the President, Hassan Town Municipal Council, may now be awaited.

ANNEXURE No. II.

Requirements of the District Hospital, Hassan.

Name	Additional requirements	Remarks
	Hospital Staff	
Nurses ...	2 ...	Very essential
	Menial Staff	
Male Ward Cooly ...	1 additional ...	
Female Ward Cooly...	1 do .	
Thoty ...	1 do ...	.. .
Dhoby ...	1 ...	As a whole time servant
Peons ...	1 additional ...	One for the office and the other as Orderly to the District Medical Officer

Name	Additional requirements	Remarks
	Hospital Accommodation	
Men's Ward ...	.....	The existing ward can accommodate only four beds. Both medical and surgical cases are kept in the same ward. This is undesirable Two wards of 4 beds each, one for surgical and one for medical cases, are required.
Women's Ward ..	.....	The present women's ward is attached to the out-patient department and there is not much privacy about it. A separate women's ward to accommodate 8 beds is required.
Sheds ...	. .	No flooring. Can accommodate only one or two beds. Require overhauling.
Special Ward ..	1	The existing one in the out-patient department is dingy and shut out from light and air. This leads to the linen room. A separate special ward for 2 beds, one for men and one for women patients, is necessary

The Writer's room is small, ancient and not substantial.

The kitchen is small and dirty.

The latrine is not of an up-to-date type

The present Hospital buildings are of an obsolete type and have no up-to-date fittings and appliances.

ANNEXURE No. III.

Extract from the Visitors' Book of Sree Chennakesavaswami Temple at Belur.

I paid a visit to this temple in company with the Deputy Commissioner (Mr. B. Venkoba Rao) this afternoon and saw the damaged portions. The Public Works Department Sub-Division Officer was present and furnished information about the items of work under progress at present. The delay in the execution of work and the slow progress made is quite unsatisfactory. If the damaged portions had received prompt attention, there would have been a saving of work, time and cost last but not least. The Sub-Division Officer, Public Works Department, said that a comprehensive estimate was under preparation. Before the estimate is completed, it is desirable that the designs and plans are scrutinized by the Director of Archæology. This is a matter of necessity if grotesque attempts at restoration are to be avoided. Nothing could be more incongruous or out of harmony with the beautiful sculpture all round than the placing of two windows of the type meant for T. B's in the northern wall of the Ammanavara temple. Every care should be taken that such are not perpetuated. In the case of temples like this or the one at Halebid, it would be unfortunate in my opinion for estimates to be got up on plans and designs made out by the Public Works Department Officers. The plans and designs should be on lines indicated or approved by the Director of Archæology, the estimating and the execution alone being left to be done by the Public Works Department. The attention of the Deputy Commissioner was invited to the various requirements about which representations were made at the time and it was suggested to the Dharmadarsis that it would be better if their representations were made in writing to the Deputy Commissioner in the usual course. Very early action is indicated particularly with reference to the collapse of the *prakara* at several points.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Correspondence on the subject in the Chief Secty and sent here for disposal.

No serial has been given to this correspondence.

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[illegible] No 13,4423 dt 16.11.20.

[illegible] copy of the letter [illegible] Kath Universities to file [illegible] below referred to in Pp III of the [illegible]

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Routine Notes.

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This also
Register Sent to the
Council Secretariat
Immediately
U.J. 10/12/20

The above
is Cancelled.

Submitted
to the Second Member.
U.J. 10/12/20

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11.12.20.

Sgn.

The case is now on
the Council Agenda.

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Mysore Public Works Department,

Central office,

Dated Bangalore, 16th November 1920.

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From

S. Cadambi, Esq.,

Chief Engineer of Mysore,

B A N G A L O R E.

18 NOV 1920

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To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

With reference to your offical memo No.G.7061-120/G.M.95-20-1 dated the 30th September 1920, forwarding the notes of inspection of the Second Member of Council in Hassan District in June 1920, I have the honour to forward herewith for information, a copy of the report received from the Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, re repairs to the damaged portions in the Sri Chennakesavaswami temple at Belur referred to in Appendix III of the Tour notes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R Sundaram

For Chief Engineer of Mysore.

J.R.15th

This is a reply to an enquiry received from the Chief Secrett. Transfer please to Chief Secrett.,

26.11.20

Ch Secrett)

Rpports on the points raised by the Second Member of Council on the work being done to the Sri Chennakesavaswami temple at Belur.

The window inserted in the wall of the Ammanavara temple is certainly incongrous and out of harmony. This can however be easily rectified by some false work outside. The Executive Engineer has been asked to do the needful.

I consider the P.W.D. is quite competent to do the right thing in preparing estimates for such works, but where any detailed carving or similar works have to be restored, the Director of - - Archaeology should be consulted. Besides, the window referred to by the Member there are other items that are incongruous such as the common notice boards naming the various sanctums of the Deities. Such incongruities is not remarked upon by the devotees to the temple not by the Dharmadarsis-in fact the latter asked me to replace the quaint old wooden axles of the big temple car with rolled steel girders.

The gradual deterioration of an ancient temple like this which is credited with being 600 years old, is only to be expected, and I doubt whether any savings in cost could have been secured by attending to the repairs a few years earlier. The only place where I could detect any danger is at one of the - - entrances where the weight of the massive cross beam has broken its support on one side. It is proposed to place two stone uprights to support the beam but to otherwise leave it as it is.

Since the present estimate was sanctioned, there have been requisitions for still further repairs and improvements which will involve the submission of a revised estimate. This is being prepared.

It is true that the work has been dragging on very slowly. The Executive Engineer has been asked to remove the present contractor unless he can promise rapid progress. Owing to plague at

Belur there has been still further delay.

Sd. H.D. Rice,

Superintending Engineer, Western

Circle.

True Copy

H. Narasimhaya

Assistant Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department.

J.F.15th

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

No. G. 7061-120/G. M. 95-20-1 Dated Bangalore, 30th September 1920.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying notes of Inspection by the Second Member of Council in Hassan District in June 1920, are circulated to Heads of Departments and Deputy Commissioners of Districts for information and favour of necessary action.

2. Instructions as regards the methods of dealing with the subjects noted in these notes have been conveyed in Government Order No.G.5718-68/G.M.80-18-1 dated 18th September 1918 and Official Memoranda Nos. G.2974-3023/G.M.240-16-1 and G.2369-419/G,M.253-17-1 dated 30th August 1916 and 22nd August 1917 respectively.

3. A responsibility sheet in regard to the more important subjects on which action is needed is also enclosed.

4. Reports of progress in the disposal of these subjects and further subjects dealt with should be submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government in the Efficiency Audit Branch in accordance with the instructions laid down in the memoranda referred to above.

By Order,

To—Heads of Departments.
Secretaries to Government.
Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

D C Subbaraya Appa
for Chief Secretary to Government.

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of the District Superintendent of Police at Hassan to the building owned by the Municipality	President of the Municipality stated that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Municipal Council.	Part II para 2.	Deputy Commissioner, Hassan. Inspector-General of Police.
Improvements to the District Hospital at Hassan.		Part II para 3 & Appendix II.	Senior Surgeon.
Repair to damaged portions in the Chennakesavaswami temple at Belur.		Appendix III.	Deputy Commissioner, Hassan. Director of Archaeology. Chief Engineer.

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The question is under active attention — Note on final orders when passed

23/11/20

Deputy Commissioner, Hassan

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From

B.Venkoba Rao, Esquire, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of
H.H.the Maharajah of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dated 15th October 1920.

Despatched

Received

General No. R.O.C.116-20/Gl.C.
No.

Enclosure No. 2

SUBJECT.

Reporting the progress about the repairs to Sri Chennakeshavaswamy Temple at Belur.

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This may be sent to Mysore for necessary action

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This may be transferred to the E.A Branch for favour of noting the progress

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Yes

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Make requisite immediate action. This subject was moved at the recent session of the R.A. v Early action was promised.

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Seen

Said for perusal

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Delay are regrettably common v in this case the delay is much more than usual. Further delay will be made the subject of a particular scrutiny and no doubt the

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan the 18th October 1920.

[illegible], Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
[illegible] District.

To

The Executive Engineer, Hassan, B.B.,
Communicated by the Government of H.H. the
[illegible] Bangalore.

[illegible] from [illegible] dated the 2nd
[illegible] District in June 1920, for-
[illegible] [illegible] No.C.961-1920.
5-00- [illegible] 1920, [illegible] to
[illegible] subject No. 5 referred to in
[illegible] [illegible] the la-
[illegible] Temple at
[illegible], in consultation with the
[illegible] Engineer, has/[illegible] proposals submitted
to Government [illegible] Department for special
[illegible] ctional for the proper maintenance of [illegible] uilding and owners of Government
are [illegible].

I enclose herein for information copy of the Hassan Division Executive Engineer's Nos.934 dated 19th August 1920 and My letter No. 116-20/G1,C. dated 28th August 1920 to the Secretary in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Ramaiya
Personal Assistant,
For Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District (absent from
Headquarters.)

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Letter No. R.O.C. 116-20/Gl.C. dated 28th August 1920 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District to the Secretary to the Government of H.H.the Maharajah of Mysore Muzarai Department.

In forwarding herewith copy of letter No. 234 dated 18/19th August 20 from the Executive Engineer Hassan Division, I have the honor to state that the temple of Sri Chennakeshavaswamy at Belur is in need of immediate repairs. The northern side of the main temple hall, Shmashana Bhirava idol, the compound wall and the main entrance gate (Anebagilu) are all said to be in a dangerous condition and if they are not set right early, would result in heavy damage.

The Executive Engineer states that an estimate for Rs 5830/- for carrying out certain repairs has been sanctioned but it does provide for the present urgent repairs that are necessary, and even granting the estimate is revised the work cannot said to be complete as some item of work or other has to be attended to constantly to prevent further damages to this famous historic temple.

3. Inview of these facts the Executive Engineer recommends that some annual grant is necessary to maintain this famous institution at the required standard. This is one of the subjects sent up for the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly of 1919-20. Concurring with the views of the Executive Engineer based on personal inspection, I would strongly urge that Government may be pleased to allot some amount for from the Public Works Department budget for the annual maintenance of this important institution. It is not possible to spare a sufficient amount from the income of the temple every year as can be seen from the scale recently revised.

4. I have also touched upon this subject in my brief reports for the years 1918-19 and 1919-20 and I beg now to recommend once again that the matter deserves early attention lest these institutions of Archeological and Historic interest should deteriorate. For the foregoing reasons I request that a recurring state grant or the annual maintenance of the temple may kindly be sanctioned.

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— by Deputy Commissioner, Hassan

Letter No. 234 dated 19th August 1920 from the Executive Engineer Hassan Division to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

Adverting to your letter No. 116-20/Gl. dated the 5th instant forwarding copy of letter from the Amildar of Belur Taluk regarding the leakage in the southern side of the main building of Sri Chennakeshavaswamy Temple at Belur, I have the honor to inform you that I inspected all the buildings attached to the temple in great detail on the 10th and 11th idem.

2. On the northern side of the main temple hall which is said to have been damaged at the time of the Mohammadan invasion long ago one stone beam after another is giving away owing to development of cracks. Sometime back two such beams were supported by round woodden pillars. One more has seriously cracked both longitudinally and cross-wise and requires immediate support. Arrangements have been made for the same.

3. Besides the leak over the Smashana Bhirava idol there are leaks in the roofs of all the temples and Mantapams especially at the draining spouts. Instructions have been issued to the Sub Assistant Engineer Sakalespur and the Contractor regarding the entire stoppage of the leaks.

4. The old Prakara or Compound wall of the temple was observed to be made up of two outer casings of size stone with a hearting of ordinary clay. In the middle of the south wall the interior stone casing has fallen down carrying with it the earthern core also. Only the exterior thin casing of stone remains at present with a heavy load of 7' height of parapet wall over it throughout. As the town road runs just by the side of this wall, it was found dangerous to leave it in that state and so it has been arranged to dismantle the wall and rebuild it properly.

5. Further the wall on the same side has also bulged out to a length of 30' more. There seems no possibility of preventing this bulging which is taking place in some portion or other along the whole length of the compound wall.

6. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that the heavy stone beam across the entrance named Anebagilu or Elephant gate and many other beams are likely to come down very soon, if timely measures are not taken. The present sanctioned estimate amounting to Rs 5870/-

R.5880/- does not cover many items of work which are immediately necessary to be carried out and even after this estimate is revised duly providing for all necessary items, the repairs to the temple cannot in any sense be said to have been completed as some item of work or other has to be attended to constantly to prevent further damges to this famous temple which is on the rapid road to ruin.

7 In the circumstances, I think it highly desirable and necessary to carry out repairs annualy under a grant to be fixed by Government. In case you agree with my views in the matter, I request you to kindly move our benign Government to accord sanction for annual repairs to this monument of Architecture which it is needless to point out is well worth preserving.

" C O P Y ."

Personal Assistant,
For Deputy Commissioner, Hassan
District, absent from Head quarters.